Experience sharing Workshops are also convened where States share their best practices for benefit of other States.

Deaths due to common diseases

†1305. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more people are dying in the country from other prevalent diseases than swine flu;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the total number of deaths till date in the country in 2008-09 caused by swine flu, diarrhoea, malaria, dengue and other prevalent diseases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the testing of swine flu has been made more easy and effective in the private sector hospitals as compared to the Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the changes made for swine flu test in Government and private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. There have been 561 deaths among laboratory confirmed cases of Swine flu (as on 26.11.2009). But the number of deaths due to other prevalent diseases is more than swine flu. The details in this regard are:-

The number of deaths due to Vector Borne Diseases reported in the country during 2008, 2009 are given below:

Year	Diseases			
	Malaria	Dengue	AES including JE (Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis)	Kalaazar
2008	935	80	684	146
2009	619 (till Sept.)	56 (till 16th Nov.)	605 (till 17th Nov.)	57 (till Sept.)

- As per the National Health Profile-2008, deaths due to Diarrhoeal Diseases during 2008 were 2841.
- As per latest estimates, about 328,000 people died of tuberculosis in the year 2008-09.

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(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Promoting breast feeding

†1306. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ban children food products and other substitutes used in lieu of mother's milk for spreading the message of breast feeding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has no details about the deaths of children owing to the negation of breast feeding by Indian women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. At present Government has no proposal to ban children food products and other substitutes used in lieu of mother's milk for spreading the message of breast feeding. However, the Government has implemented Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992 as amended in 2003.

This Act provides for the regulation of production, supply and distribution of infant milk substitutes, feeding bottles and infant foods to protect and promote breastfeeding.

(c) and (d) Specific details in this regard are not available. However, as per the information available from the office of the Registrar General of India (2001-03), the commonest causes of death among children aged 0-4 years are perinatal conditions (33%), respiratory infections (22%), diarrhoeal diseases (14%), malaria (2.7%), congenital anomalies (2.7%) and fever of unknown origin (1.5%)

Menace of swine flu and dengue

†1307. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of swine flu and dengue still exists;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh is in the grip of Japanese fever; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, the action taken by Government for prevention of these diseases, the amount spent on it, and the number of deaths caused by these diseases so far?

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